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## Conservation Police to Conduct Wildlife Compliance Checks, Airplane Surveillance in Southeast and Southern Illinois

BENTON, IL – Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Conservation Police will conduct roadside wildlife checks and airplane details in southeast and southern Illinois during the month of December.

"Illinois is a great place to fish and hunt and just enjoy the outdoors but we also want to ensure safety and compliance with Illinois laws," said IDNR Conservation Police Chief Rafael Gutierrez.

The primary purpose of the roadside fish and wildlife compliance checks is to detect taking, transporting, possession and other violations pertaining to fish and wildlife and gather information relative to public compliance with regulations which will enable the IDNR to better manage the state's resources.

Illinois Conservation Police plan to conduct additional compliance checks across the state in upcoming months.

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